THE "CITY OF COLUMBUS."

Incidents of the Terrible Wreck.

Bravery of Henry Collins, of P. E. I.

PURSER WILLIAM H. SPALDING, of the ill-fated steamer, tells of the bravery of Henry Collins, a P. E. Islander. He says: It is impossible to tell how we suffered while perched in the rigging of that ship, surrounded on all sides by death. The air was piercingly cold, and the wind blew a hurricane, so that it was with difficulty we could keep our hold. The rigging was covered with icicles and many a time during the night we were tempted to let go our hold. I shall never forget the bravery of Engineer Collins during that awful night. Once or twice some poor fellow, completely worn out, was on the point of letting go his hold, but was urged to keep up a little while longer.

"Keep up your courage boys; help will come soon; don't give up while there is life left!" said Collins, when the men began to grow despondent.

"I am afraid there's no chance for us," said a passenger, whose frozen fingers, toes and ears gave him great pain. Collins saw that something must be done to keep alive a spark of hope, and there, in the rigging, with almost certain death staring him in the face, the brave fellow whistled a jig. A score of men looked sadly, almost reproachfully, upon him. "There's a change for you to warm your blood up boys," called out Collins. Collins' heroism and fortitude was undoubtedly the means of keeping several men from releasing their hold.

After hanging until the next forenoon, we saw a life-boat putting out to us from Gay Head, then every man took courage. The boat, which was manned by half-breed Indians, came to within about one hundred feet of us on the port side, but because of the heavy sea running dared approach no nearer. There was our hope, our very life, but alas it was one hundred feet away, and mountainous waves rolled madly between. "Jump boys, and swim for it," sang out one of the men from up above us. One of the men who hung close beside me said, "Purser, it's our only chance."

"We can take six of you," came from the boat manned by the half-breeds.

"I'm going; anything is better than staying here," said a seaman, and an instant after he was struggling in the water. This seemed to inspire the rest, and a half-dozen men, including myself, sprang without more ado into the water. A cheer from the half breeds' boat, and from the companions we had left behind, greeted us as we came to the surface and struck out for the boat. In ordinary weather we should have had but little difficulty, but now we were no sooner in the water than we felt a chill that went clear to the marrow of our bones. It seemed, after the first half-dozen strokes that our very blood froze in our veins. Our limbs became numb, and it was with the utmost exertion that we were able to move a stroke. At last we reached the boat. Almost exhausted we were pulled into it, and the sturdy half-breeds began pulling at once for Gay Head. It was only then that our sufferings actually began. The half-breeds seemed to row as never men rowed before; but with our blood almost frozen, and with our wet clothing, which had by this time become frozen stiff, we were in a terrible condition. When we reached the shore the half-breed women were there with hot tea and ginger, and they did everything possible for us. We were divided into parties and taken to the natives' houses and kindly cared for.

A P. E. ISLANDER THE FIRST RESCUED.

Thomas Butler, a fireman on the steamer, says that he was in his bunk asleep when he was awakened by the crash. Upon jumping up, he was told that the steamer was sinking, so he hastily snatched his clothing and rushed out. After donning his clothes he went first to the life-boat, and then to the rail, but not liking the chances on either, he got into the rigging on the weather side and took a position on the cross-trees. When the boat came up and they were told to jump into the icy water and swim fifty or eighty yards to her, he took off his coat and undercoat, and, bidding those in the rigging good-by, took the plunge and was the first to leave the steamer and live. When those in the rigging saw him pulled into the boat all right, they had not so much hesitation in following. He was taken to the Head and received the best of care.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

Rev. E. L. Drown, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Newburyport, Mass., severed his connection therewith on Sunday the 20th inst., having accepted a call in the South, and intending to sail in the "Gate City" for Savannah on Thursday last. The reverend gentleman stated that by reason of a great affliction he felt unable to conduct the service, and instead of his farewell address, which his parishioners expected, after the singing of the hymn, "O Paradise," he spoke as follows: "My heart is broken by the thought that my nearest friend and dearest brother sleeps to-day in his grave in the ocean depths. I had promised to offer a prayer to-day for his preservation, and I feel that I can hardly speak, knowing that he is gone. I had been tried enough before this blow came, called by Providence to mourn the death of a near relative, and this has completely unnerved me. My dear brother has gone, his wife, his only child, father and mother, and I struggle in my faith to understand. He had not intended to sail on the "City of Columbus." Last year he made the voyage on the "Gate City," which sails from Boston next Thursday and when I saw his name on the passenger list I was surprised. Why have you engaged passage on the "City of Columbus?" I asked. I have not done so, he replied. I told him I knew he was mistaken, and he informed me that he had engaged his passage in the middle of December last, being acquainted with the officers of the "Gate City," on which he had made a previous trip. I convinced him of his error, and begged of him to wait and go with me. He said he would gladly do so, but he dreaded to change his plans on account of his wife, who was in feeble health, and he thought there might be a special Providence in it. Through a whole day he labored to pursuade me to change my plans and go with him. He spoke of this happy day upon the ocean, and how together we would conduct the divine service of our beloved church. I struggled to hasten my departure, to go with him. He is gone, and God, in his inscrutable wisdom, decrees that I am here. I do not know but that it will change all my plans, for I do not feel as though I could pass that fearful spot. For eight years we have been close to each other, brother and brother, husband and wife. Not a thought in one's heart that the other didn't know. Two purer souls never passed into the Paradise of God. As I read this morning how a husband and wife stood upon the deck of that vessel clasped in each other's arms and pressed each others' lips I felt sure it was my friend and brother. The gentleness and tenderness of the most refined woman was his; the manhood and bravery of a hero was his also. When he found I could not go with him I received a letter which I will read if my faltering lips allow."

The letter was a tender tribute from friend to friend, expressive of the deepest sorrow at the sundering of ties caused by Mr. Down's removal to another scene of action, and closed with, "If it may be God's good will, pray that in His own mysterious way He may bring us together again in sympathy and good-fellowship here on earth, and if not, on the eternal shore."

"Yes, my dear brother," continued the reverend gentleman in conclusion, "may I meet thee on that eternal shore, where the parting word shall part our lips no more. And this, dear friends, is our only comfort; the day will dawn when parting ties shall be bound together in God's love."

After offering the prayer for the dead the congregation was dismissed.

Notes.

Some of the survivors from the "City of Columbus" make very hard statements about no notice being taken of their signals by the steamer "Glaucus" which passed, at a distance of a few miles, between seven and eight o'clock on Friday morning bound for Boston. One of them says that from his outlook in the rigging he could have distinctly seen a man standing against the wheel house of the passing steamer. Engineer Collins says that he saw people walking on the steamer's deck, that he waved his hat, but they took no notice. The crew of the "Glaucus" seemed disinclined to talk, but said that although they viewed the wreck with glasses, they could discern no living beings, and judging from the clear weather that had prevailed, they fancied it was an old wreck.

Engineer Collings says the passengers clinging to the rigging were frozen to death. Their shrieks were awful. "I am a strong man but I will never want to die again as eagerly as I did that night."

Captain Vance, of Truro, N. S., was found apparently lifeless lying in a boat sunken nearly to the waters edge. When rescued, it was found that life was not extinct, and he was so resuscitated as to be able to walk with assistance when landed at Vineyard Haven. He is doing well, and strong hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery.

Local and Other Items.

BAND at the Rink to-night.

No business at the Stipendiary Magistrate's court this forenoon.

THE Lecture by Prof. Burwash this evening will be well worth hearing.

MR. REID'S Concert takes place in the Market Hall next Wednesday week.

ST. PETER'S PENNY READINGS.—The next of the series will be on Monday next.

REMEMBER the lecture by Prof. Burwash in the Upper Prince Street Methodist Church this evening.

SIX summonses have been issued against a Richmond Street liquor dealer for breaking the Scott Act.

MR. REID'S Concert is postponed until Wednesday, February 6th. The programme will appear Saturday. It is a good one.

As an after-dinner pill, to promote easy digestion, Ayer's Pills are wonderfully effective. [jan28 1w wkly

THE mails arrived at Cape Traverse to-day, at 1.40 p. m., and left for the city at 1.50. The mails reached Cape Tormentine to-day at 1.40 p. m.

EDITORIALS on the "Equalization of official Salaries," "The Recent Scott Act Judgment," and local matters crowded out, will appear to-morrow.

THE schooner "Maggie," loaded at Georgetown by B. Wilson Higgs, and which sailed on the 13th December, arrived at Bermuda on the 18th inst.

RODERICK MCAULAY, son of Michael McAulay, Georgetown Royalty, is missing since the 16th. It is feared he perished during the storm about that date.

PUNCH AND JUDY.—Next Thursday evening you can see Punch and Judy, together with an amusing performance by children, if you go to St. Peter's Schoolroom in time to get a seat.

THE St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery, Montreal, was destroyed by fire on the 22nd inst. The loss is estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000. Insurance $165,000. About 200 men are thrown out of employment.

MIDDLE aged men often lack vigor, this can be restored by that great brain and nerve food known as Mack's Magnetic Medicine. Sold in Charlottetown at Apothecaries' Hall. Read the advertisement in another column of to-day's paper. [jan 28 1w wkly

THE Presbytery of P. E. Island will meet in the basement of Zion Church, on Tuesday, 5th February, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Sessions are expected to send up their records to this meeting for examination and attestation. JOHN M. MACLEOD, Presb'y Clerk.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

AS A NERVE FOOD.

Dr. J. W. Smith, Wellington, O., says: "In impaired nervous supply I have used it to advantage."

"KENSINGTON FARM."

NOTICE is hereby given, that whereas trees have lately been cut down and others wantonly injured, and fences destroyed on the "Kensington Property," near this city, the subscriber, who is the owner of the said property, will cause to be sued all persons found in any way trespassing thereon.

The part of this property fronting on the Hillsborough River will be leased for farming purposes for a term of years.

MICHAEL BEAZELEY,
By his Attorney G. W. DeBLOIS.

Ch'town, Jan. 28, 1884.—tf

[ADVERTISEMENT.]

To the Honorable (?) David Laird, Editor and Proprietor of the Patriot newspaper.

SIR,—Your reference in Saturday's issue to the "premier's pamphleteer" is evidently intended for me. I need no better certificate of character than to be the subject of your abuse. Your allusion to me is false, and you know it to be so—whatever my habits I have never been a hypocrite, I have never been expelled from a Temperance Society for a violation of my pledge; neither have I ever been subject to the ignominy of being searched for, and having stolen goods taken from me by a merchant, before being allowed to leave his store.

WILLIAM C. DesBRISAY.

Jan. 28, 1884.—dly and wkly li. pat 2i

Literary and Musical ENTERTAINMENT

will be held in ST. JAMES' HALL, on the 21st February.

Full particulars later on.

WILLISTON BROWN,
Sec. Com.

Ch'town, Jan. 28, 1884.—eod.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for North Rustico Works," will be received until the 9th of February next, inclusive, for the following works:—

1st. The removal of the Lighthouse (tower and cottage connected) at present at North Rustico, a distance of about 170 yards, and building a brush block and placing the Lighthouse upon the same.

2nd. The erection and completion of a new range and foundation for the same.

The plans and specifications for the above works can be seen at the office of Donald McKay, Esq., Oyster Bed Bridge and at the office of the Agent of the Department of Marine & Fisheries, Charlottetown.

An accepted bank cheque equal to 5 per cent. of the Tender, made in favor of His Honor the Minister of Marine & Fisheries, must accompany each Tender, which will be forfeited should the person whose Tender is accepted fail to complete the contract and do the work for which he Tenders. All cheques for Tenders not accepted will be returned.

Tenders must be made on the proper forms which will be supplied to intending contractors.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

ARTEMUS LORD,
Agent Marine & Fisheries.

Ch'town, Jan. 28, 1884.—2i.

Pay Your Taxes and Save Costs.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons who have not paid their Real Estate Tax for year 1883, that I will apply to His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate, on Wednesday the 6th day of February next, for JUDGMENT against such defaulters, when warrants will be issued and placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection.

FRANCIS S. CHANDLER,
Collector.

Ch'town, Jan. 28, 1884.—tl date.

Charlottetown Cemetery Company.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at 4 o'clock, on TUESDAY afternoon, the 5th day of February next, at the office of the Steam Navigation Company, corner Great George and Lower Water Streets.

By order of the President.

F. W. HALES,
Secretary Cemetery Co.

Jan. 28, 1884.—tl date.

To the free and independent Electors of the Fourth Electoral District of Queen's County.

GENTLEMEN,—Being unanimously chosen by a full convention of delegates from all parts of your district, as the Liberal-Conservative candidate at the forthcoming election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the much-lamented late Angus D. McMillan, I am now before you to solicit your influence and support.

If returned, you may rest assured of my undivided attention to all the wants of the District, and will always, I trust, be found a supporter of good measures, as well as of the equitable disbursement of the Public Funds.

Trusting that I will have your countenance and support at the polls,

I remain, gentlemen,
Yours truly,
ALEXANDER MARTIN.

Jan. 28, 1884.—wkly pres her.

TENDERS FOR CHURCH.

TENDERS will be received until the 25th of February, for building and finishing the outside of a Presbyterian Church, near Head of St. Peter's Bay, according to Plans and Specification to be seen at the store of Messrs. Davison & Co., Charlottetown, and at the store of L. Anderson, St. Peter's Bay.

Tenders will be addressed to John A. McLaine, Esq., Head St. Peter's Bay. Each Tender to be accompanied with the names of two good and solvent persons willing to become surety for the faithful performance of work.

Scantling for frame and foundation will be provided by committee.

Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

L. ANDERSON,
Chairman of Com.

Jan. 23, '84.—2aw wkly 4i.

P. E. Island Pottery.

WE are Agents for the P. E. Island Pottery. Orders sent to us will receive prompt attention. Jars, Jugs, Bean Pots, Mugs, Flower Pots, Spitoons, Stove Stones, etc., etc., in stock.

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Ch'town, Jan. 12, '84.—2w eod.

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